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1. Members of the VP unit at the old Hobrechtsfelde Stadtgut (municipal estate) trained with tanks at the Schoonow (N 53/Z 96) training field on several nights between 25 July and 2 August 1950. Five tanks from the Luftnachrichtenkaserne in Bernau (N 53/Z 96) were used. The police who received this training arrived at the training field by truck about 10:30 p.m. The VP unit stationed in Hobrechtsfelde allegedly has 180 members. *

* Comment. The occupation of the Hobrechtsfelde estate by Bereitschaftspolizei is reported for the first time. The VP personnel possibly belonged to the Blumberg Grenzbereitschaft of the "Ring um Berlin". Units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, possibly including the 82nd Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt, are in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau.

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